



HOT TIPS

Labour Market

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Programs & Events

► Advanced Forestry Skills Program Information Session

Thursday, July 11, 10:00am to 11:00am at the Career Centre
110 – 198 Island Hwy E, Parksville

Do you have a passion for the outdoors and an interest in pursuing a career in forestry? This 19-week, fully-funded, field-based forestry program could be for you! Advanced Forestry Skills Training participants will gain a wide variety of skills, certifications and hands-on experience. This program includes valuable industry networking opportunities and three week job placements with local forestry employers.

Eligibility Requirements

- Currently underemployed or unemployed
- Must live in Nanaimo or surrounding area
- Must meet EI Eligibility requirements

Program Curriculum

This Advanced Forestry Skills Training Program covers a wide range of valuable skills and certifications that will set you up for success in a future career in forestry. The program includes:

- Forestry Field Studies, including species identification, map, compass, streams, wildlife management, forest health, GPS, GIS, timber cruising, layout, forest operations, fuels management, tree planting, silviculture and more.
- Occupational First Aid - Level 3
- Silviculture Surveyor Certification
- Wildlife Danger Tree Assessor
- Harvesting and Silviculture
- Basic Chainsaw Operator
- Basic Brush Saw, Brushing and Thinning Training
- S100 Basic Fire Suppression and Safety
- S185 Fire Entrapment Avoidance
- Basic Fall Protection

- Bear Aware
- WHMIS
- Canadian Safety Council ATV and UTV Off-Road Vehicle Operation
- BC Hydro Utility Tree Worker
- Teambuilding, Leadership, Work Readiness and more

Next Intake: August 12 - December 20, 2019, Nanaimo, BC. Call us at 250-248-3205 to register for the information session. For more information see <https://www.stillwaterconsultingltd.com/nanaimo-advanced-forestry-skills-training>

► Funding is now available for the Get Youth Working! Program. This program offers BC employers a Wage Subsidy as an incentive to hire youth, providing on the job experience they need to excel. The program is open to eligible youth 18-24 years of age. To register go to <https://www.getyouthworking.ca/>.



► TechWORKS <https://spark.adobe.com/page/XOo5bGfjnA3Nm/> is a free employment program with a focus on digital workplace skills and preparing youth/young adults to navigate the employment realities of the new economy. The best part? This is an online program accessible from anywhere. If you have a computer/laptop and webcam, you have the tools needed to join.

The program includes lessons in website development, Microsoft Office suite, social media marketing, and online presence with additional tailored training for the participant, all with a focus on the realistic workplace. Our goal is to introduce new tech skills, as well as leverage existing ones, to help youth get employed as skilled talent that can adapt to change.

The program is delivered online and participants join an online classroom via video conferencing. Participants will have access to facilitators and youth counsellors via chat, ZOOM and phone. It is 6 weeks of classroom followed by 12 weeks of supported work experience. Participants will be eligible for a wage subsidy package which makes for an attractive employment applicant.

Business Buzz

► B.C. announced its long-term vision for an improved mental health and addictions system through a roadmap it calls A Pathway to Hope. [A Pathway to Hope](https://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/b-c-government-announces-pathway-to-hope-for-families-that-need-mental-health-treatment-but-cant-afford-it) seeks to both prevent and intervene in addictions and mental-health problems like depression before they spiral out of control. The plan also recognizes that mental health treatment is unaffordable for many, so the government plans to offer \$10 million in grants to non-profits that will be used to provide free or affordable counselling services. It's not clear how many people will be able to get free counselling or counselling charged on a sliding scale, depending on income, under that funding. <https://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/b-c-government-announces-pathway-to-hope-for-families-that-need-mental-health-treatment-but-cant-afford-it>

► The receiver manager of Morningstar Golf Club continues to improve the facilities in the hope of returning it to its glory days. To help achieve this G. Powroznik Group Inc. of G-Force Group, the court-appointed

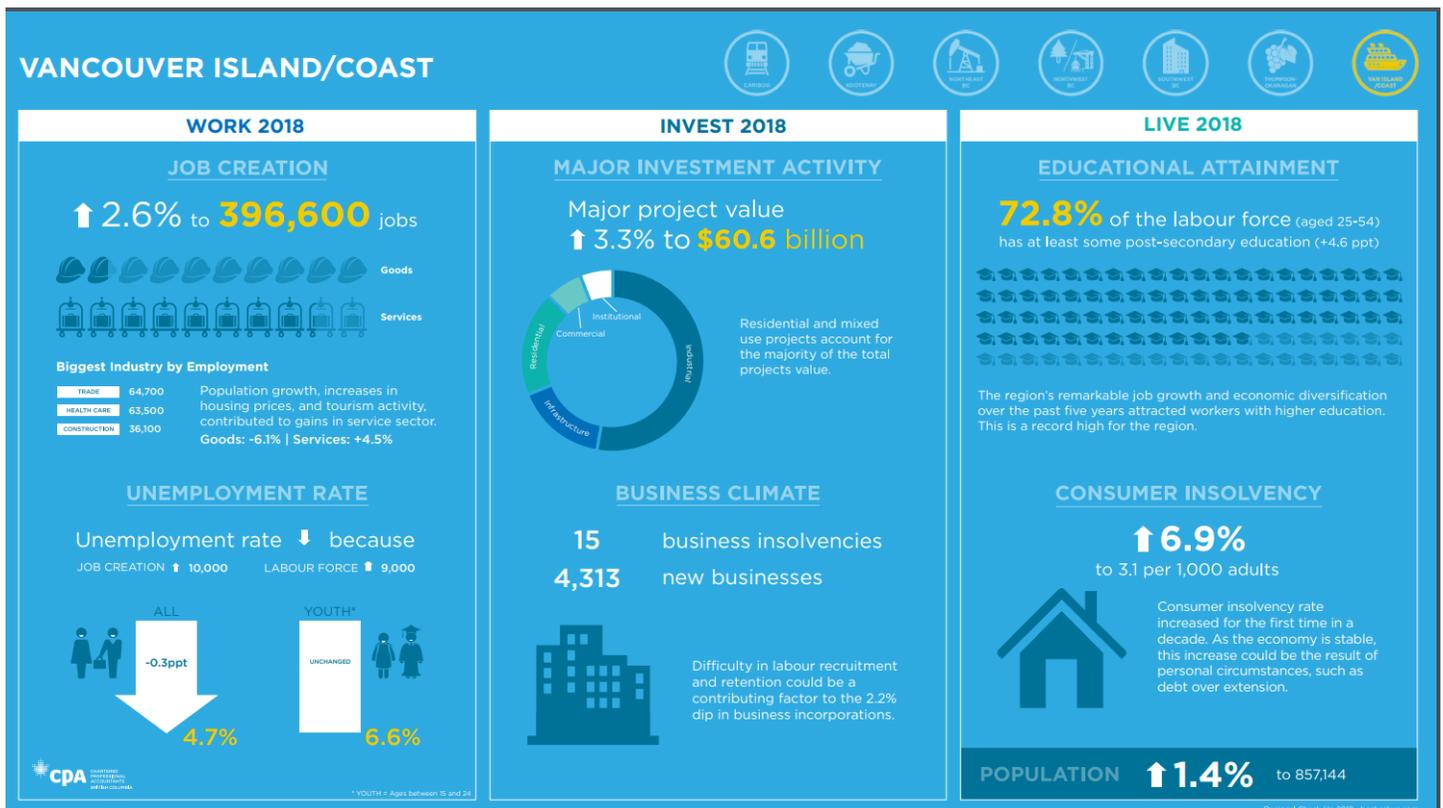
receiver, has hired Les Furber, the designer of the 6,983-yard course that was considered one of the premier golf courses on Vancouver Island in the 1990s. Morningstar went into receivership last year, with reported debts of about \$13 million. It is up for sale now but receiver manager Gary Powroznik said plans continue to review and enhance every major aspect of the property, business and golf experience and get it ready for a new, longterm owner. <https://www.pgbnews.com/sports/golf-course-designer-les-furber-set-to-make-morningstar-shine-again/>

► VI Camelot Homes Ltd. has incorporated a cabinet shop into their newly renovated 6700 square foot building in the Parksville Industrial Park.

► Air North has launched weekly charter flights from Nanaimo Airport to Watson Lake, Yukon via Kelowna and Prince George using an older model Boeing 737. Benjamin Ryan, chief commercial officer with Air North, said charter flights began last week. He said the flights will depart and return to Nanaimo on Thursdays. “The flight pattern has a plane going from Nanaimo to Kelowna to Prince George and up to Waston Lake,” he said. “The flight will go both directions on the same day and it is just a weekly service at this point.” However, Air North plans to convert the route from a charter service to regular weekly year-round passenger service within a matter of weeks, according to Ryan. <https://www.nanaimobulletin.com/business/air-north-starts-up-non-stop-flights-from-nanaimo-to-kelowna/>

Labour Market Information

► According to the [Regional Check-Up report](#) by the Chartered Professional Accountants of BC Vancouver Island/Coast’s economy reflects its settlement pattern—highly diverse and service sector-based in the more populated areas and more dependent on resource industries and related manufacturing elsewhere. In 2018, the service sector provided 83.3% of all employment in the Vancouver Island/Coast. The trade, health care, and construction industries were the region’s top three employers respectively, closely followed by the public administration and professional, technical and scientific service industries.



► Recently the Comox Valley Economic Development Society (CVEDS) produced an [Employment and Industrial Lands-Based Foreign Direct Investment Strategy](#). This Strategy will provide the necessary background information to support longer term economic development and land use policy development in the Comox Valley. Based on the employment and business trends analysis for the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) and the Vancouver Island and Coast Economic Region, a number of important industries were identified to support investment attraction efforts in the Comox Valley. Priority export-oriented/non-retail industries exhibiting current or emerging strength in CVRD were:

- Professional, scientific and technical services (current strength) – driven largely by management, scientific and technical consulting services and architectural, engineering and related services
- Construction (current strength) – driven largely by residential building construction, other heavy and civil engineering construction, building finishing contractors, and other specialty trade contractors
- Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas (high priority retention target) – driven largely by the forestry and fishing sectors, including forest nurseries and gathering of forest products, fishing, support activities for forestry

Other export-oriented/non-retail industries that should be considered in attracting new investment where some limited niche opportunities for growth may exist in the long-term are:

- Manufacturing (weak local base and challenging external conditions but regional competitiveness) – driven largely by sugar and confectionery product manufacturing, dairy product manufacturing, metal product fabrication (e.g. boiler, tanks and shipping containers, springs, wire), seafood product preparation and packaging, and veneer, plywood and engineered wood product manufacturing
- Agriculture, including aquaculture (strong local base and regional competitiveness but challenging external conditions) – driven largely by aquaculture, support activities for animal production (i.e. breeding services for livestock, artificial insemination services, cattle registration service, etc.), hog and pig farming, other animal

production (i.e. apiculture, horse and other equine production, fur-bearing animal and rabbit production, etc.), and sheep and goat farming

- Transportation and warehousing – driven largely by support activities for air transportation (i.e. airport operations, servicing aircraft, repairing and maintaining aircraft, and inspecting and testing aircraft), support activities for water transportation (i.e. marine cargo handling, navigational services to shipping, ship repair and maintenance (not done in shipyard) and lighter operations, etc.), deep sea and coastal water transportation, and other transit and ground passenger transportation (i.e. shuttle services to airports and similar facilities, special needs transportation services, etc.)
- Tourism and resort development – driven largely by heritage institutions, traveller accommodation, full-service restaurants and limited-service eating places, scenic and sightseeing transportation (water), recreational vehicle (RV) parks and recreational camps, other amusement and recreation industries (i.e. golf courses, skiing facilities, marinas, recreational, sports and fitness centres, etc.), and special food services (i.e. food service contractors, caterers, and mobile food services)

Job Postings

Parksville and Area

► Positions are now posted for Orca Place, 222 Corfield, Parksville on the Island Crisis Care Society Career Page. Positions include Part-time Cook, Full-time Food Services Coordinator, Full-time Housekeeper, Full-time Custodian, and Full-time, and Part Time and Casual Support Workers <https://bit.ly/2Lqdqla>

► Auto Salesperson wanted – Parksville <http://bit.ly/2X4csoI>

► Guest Services Agent - Qualicum Beach Inn/Kingsbridge Management - Qualicum Beach <http://bit.ly/2IKHcSX>

► Administrative Support Worker - Vancouver Island Health Authority – Parksville <http://bit.ly/2KCiUgd>

► CLK 09R - Wildfire Services Clerk - BC Public Service – Parksville <http://bit.ly/2KDerK1>

► Dental Receptionist - Island Oral Facial and Implant Surgery – Parksville <http://bit.ly/2YcLHuN>

► Barista /Cashier – Rusted Rake Farm - Nanoose Bay <http://bit.ly/2IQI2Pr>

► Grocery Clerk - Quality Foods - Nanoose Bay <https://indeedhi.re/2IQoMR2>

► Shop Labourer - Georgia Strait Kitchen & Bath – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2XbB3bi>

► Breakfast Attendant - Bayside Restaurant and Lounge – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2NdeYEN>

► Produce - Quality Foods - Qualicum Beach <https://indeedhi.re/2ZNbqui>

► Cabinet Shop Worker -Twin Oaks Woodworking Ltd. – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2X8OGmY>

► Accounting Clerk - District of Lantzville – Lantzville <http://bit.ly/2ZMFR3N>

► Economic Development Officer - District of Lantzville <https://www.civicijobs.ca/jobs?id=50821>

► Hiring All Positions - Blackbird Schnitzel Haus – Qualicum Beach <http://bit.ly/2LmU1EE>

► RV Service Advisor – Big Boys Toys <http://bit.ly/2FzgLOL>

► Staff needed for Dog Daycare, Dog Treat Manufacturing, Dog Groomer – Critters – Parksville <http://bit.ly/2Zliusa>

► Dog handler/Customer Service Representative - Critters – Parksville <http://bit.ly/2IOEKej>

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► Western Forest Products – <http://bit.ly/2DFYbzZ>

► BC Public Service - Job Opportunities <https://bit.ly/2A1TJ1Y>

► Employment and Assistance Worker – BC Public Service – Nanaimo <https://bcpublicservice.hua.hrsmart.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/59247>

- ▶ Class 1 Tractor Trailer Driver – Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2X28iJf>
- ▶ Better at Home Program is seeking qualified people who live in Nanaimo to perform Better at Home services for persons over 65 in our community – Nanaimo Family Life <http://bit.ly/2X29OzQ>
- ▶ Campus Administrator – Discovery Community College - Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/31SrCMH>
- ▶ Administrative Assistant - Island Mediquip Ltd. - Nanaimo, BC <http://bit.ly/2XzBo7c>
- ▶ Receptionist - Gain Group – Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2IKXL0T>
- ▶ Billing Clerk - Vancouver Island Health Authority – Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2X5Yr5n>
- ▶ Bathroom Contractor/Walk In Tub Installer - Safe Step - Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2RCa16O>
- ▶ Administrative Assistant - Struthers Wealth Management – Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2XcoKeP>
- ▶ Driver needed for Window Manufacturing Company - Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2NfLvKf>
- ▶ Manual Machinist - Inuktun Services Ltd. – Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2Yoizkg>
- ▶ Cashier/Customer Service - Smokin' George's BBQ Inc. – Nanaimo <https://indeedhi.re/2ZQxHHD>
- ▶ Dispatcher/Customer Service - Mid Island Towing & Transport Ltd. – Nanaimo <https://indeedhi.re/2FzHWIu>
- ▶ Correctional Officer Applicant Inventory - Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2RKOXeN>
- ▶ Laboratory Technician - Regional District of Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2xgyDsE>
- ▶ Temporary Full-time Project Coordinator in the Engineering Services Department - The Regional District of Nanaimo – Nanaimo. <https://www.civicjobs.ca/jobs?id=50750>
- ▶ Axe throwing coaches needed – Axe and Grind - Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2Llftdb>
- ▶ Licenced Cannabis Producer looking for Experienced Trimmers – Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2Xah5h9>

Port Alberni and Area

- ▶ Administrative Assistant - Community Hospitals - Vancouver Island Health Authority - Port Alberni <http://bit.ly/2J5KSh3>
- ▶ Cannabis Consultants - BC Liquor Distribution Branch - Port Alberni <http://bit.ly/2xkPbiZ>
- ▶ Meat Cutter - Petes Mountain Meats – Port Alberni <http://bit.ly/2xaFuDZ>
- ▶ Event Blogger - Alberni Stories – Port Alberni <http://bit.ly/2X604zG>
- ▶ Residential Support Worker - Mountainside Support Services - Port Alberni <http://bit.ly/2ZRPhLA>
- ▶ Facilities Lead Hand - Job Number #20106 - Huu-ay-aht First Nations - Port Alberni <https://avemployment.ca/>
- ▶ Building Services Worker - Job Number #20147 - Bamfield Marine Sciences Center – Bamfield <https://avemployment.ca/job-postings>
- ▶ Self-Checkout Attendant - Walmart Canada - Port Alberni <http://bit.ly/2J8N7jS>
- ▶ Deputy City Clerk - The City of Port Alberni <http://bit.ly/2NfnoM1>
- ▶ Community Coroner - BC Public Service - Port Alberni <http://bit.ly/2ISytOV>
- ▶ Manager of Protective Services - Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District - <https://www.civicjobs.ca/jobs?id=50822>

Job Search Tips

- ▶ Five Things You Need For a Successful Second Interview <https://www.glassdoor.com/blog/5-things-you-need-for-a-successful-second-interview/>